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FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS.

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WIRES: NO WIRE EVENING LEADS.

TV:

1. NBC NIGHTLY NEWS: JOHN CHANCELLOR, 10 MINUTES INTO
PROGRAM.

VALERIANI: ON HIS LAST NIGHT IN PEKING, THANKSGIVING NIGHT,
KISSINGER WAS THE HOST AT A CEREMONIAL BANQUET AT THE GREAT
HALL OF THE PEOPLE. BY THAT TIME THE TWO SIDES HAD ALREADY
AGREED ON THE FORD VISIT NEXT YEAR. A SENIOR AMERICAN
OFFICIAL DENIED REPORTS SUCH A VISIT WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION
WHEN KISSINGER ARRIVED IN PEKING LAST MONDAY. BUT THE
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OFFICIAL WOULD NOT SAY WHICH SIDE SUGGESTED THE PRESIDENTIAL

TRIP DURING THE TALKS.

(FILM OF SECY AT PEKING BANQUET) IN THE EXCHANGE OF TOASTS
KISSINGER SAID THIS VISIT CONTINUED THE PROGRESS MADE

DURING EACH OF HIS SIX PREVIOUS TRIPS TO CHINA. THE
CHINESE FON MIN NOTED THE TALKS HAD BEEN HELD IN A CANDID
SPIRIT, WORDS WHICH ARE SOMETIMES A CODE FOR DISAGREEMENT.

TODAY KISSINGER FLEW IN A CHINESE JET TO THE SOUTHERN
CITY OF SOOCHOW, NEAR SHANGHAI. (FILM OF SIGHTSEEING)
ACCOMPANIED BY FON MIN CHIAO HUANG-HUA THE SECY AND HIS
FAMILY SPENT ALL DAY SIGHTSEEING, INCLUDING A VISIT TO THE
SO-CALLED "GARDEN OF HUMBLE POLITICS". HE ALSO WATCHED
CHILDREN SKIP ROPE WHILE CHANTING REVOLUTIONARY SLOGANS.

ON HIS OTHER VISITS TO CHINA KISSINGER HAD SEEN ONLY
PEKING, EXCEPT WHEN FORMER PREZ NIXON WAS HERE. BUT THIS
TIME HE ASKED TO SEE ANOTHER CITY AND HE WAS BROUGHT
HERE.

KISSINGER DID NOT GET TO MEET WITH MAO TSE-TUNG DURING HIS
FOUR DAYS IN CHINA, AND WHILE A SESSION WITH THE NUMBER
ONE CHINESE IS NEVER GUARANTEED IN ADVANCE, MAO HAS SEEN
SOME MINOR INT'L FUGURES DURING RECENT WEEKS. HIS FAILURE T
TO MEET WITH KISSINGER INDICATES THAT EITHER MAO IS NOT
WELL OR THAT AMERICAN-CHINESE RELATIONS ARE NOT PROGRESSING
AS WELL AS THE AMERICANS SAY THEY ARE.

THE COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED AFTER KISSINGER ARRIVED IN
TOKYO. ITS BREVITY, IT CONTAINED ONLY 9 LINES, MADE NO
MENTION OF PROGRESS IN THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZING
AMERICAN-CHINESE RELATIONS. AND IT LEFT THE IMPRESSION
THE FORD VISIT MAY HAVE BEEN ARRANGED TO GIVE NEW IMPETUS
TO THAT PROCESS, WHICH APPEARS TO BE SLOWING DOWN. END
VALERIANI.

2. ABC, HOWARD K. SMITH, SECOND LEAD ON PROGRAM, REFERRED
TO JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORD'S VISIT TO CHINA, IT IS
BELIEVED IN THE LATTER PART OF 1975. KAPLOW EXPLAINS THAT
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THE CHINESE WERE PROBABLY INTERESTED IN WELCOMING FORD IN
VIEW OF THE RECENT FORD/BREZHNEV SUMMIT IN VLADIVOSTOK
AND OF ANOTHER SUMMIT SCHEDULED FOR NEXT YEAR. THE
CHINESE DON'T WANT TO BE LEFT OUT. FURTHER, FORD WANTS TO
GO TO CHINA. FORD ANNOUNCEMENT SEEN AS ONE TANGIBLE
RESULT OF HAK'S VISIT, OF WHICH BUSINESS PORTION ENDED
THURSDAY NIGHT WITH BANQUET GIVEN BY HAK. SCENES OF
BANQUET, INCLUDING HAK TOASTING TO THE HEALTH OF MAO

AND CHOU EN-LAI. VARIOUS SCENES THEN SHOWN OF LAST DAY DEVOTED TO SIGHTSEEING. KAPLOW CONCLUDES BY STATING WHAT WAS MISSING WAS A SUMMONS TO MEET WITH MAO. BUT, IN ANY EVENT, HAK DID NOT SEEM BOTHERED BY THIS AND AT DEPARTURE CEREMONY ALL WAS AMENITIES. ABOUT TWO MINUTES.

3. CBS, CRONKITE, 10 MINUTES INTO EVENING TV NEWS:

MR. FORD'S PLANNED TRIP TO CHINA WAS ANNOUNCED AS SECSTATE KISSINGER WAS WINDING UP A VISIT TO CHINA AND MKALB HAS THAT STORY:

KALB: (WITH FILM OF BANQUET RECEPTION AND SOOCHOW VISIT): THE FINAL BANQUET IN THE CAVERNOUS GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE SEEMED ALMOST DRAINED OF EXCITEMENT. CERTAINLY THERE WAS NO HINT OF THE AGREEMENT FOR PRESIDENT FORD TO VISIT CHINA NEXT YEAR. EVERYONE WAS ABSORBED BY THE FACT THAT KISSINGER, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 3 VISITS HERE, IS NOT GETTING AN AUDIENCE WITH CHAIRMAN MAO TSE TUNG, A SIGN OF CHINESE DISPLEASURE WITH THE PACE OF NORMALIZING RELATIONS BETWEEN PEKING AND WASHINGTON.

KISSINGER CLICKED GLASSES MAO TAI WITH TOP CHINESE OFFICIALS AND SAID GOODBYE. ON HIS WAY OUT OF CHINA, KISSINGER STOPPED IN SOOCHOW TO SEE THE GARDENS AND LAKES OF THIS WONDROUS CITY. THERE IS AN OLD SAYING HERE THAT HEAVEN IS ABOVE AND SOOCHOW BELOW. THE GARDENS OF FOOLISH POLITICIANS, AND KISSINGER LOVED IT. HE AND HIS WIFE NANCY WERE TAKEN TO AN OLD TOWER, MORE THAN 1,000 YEARS OLD WHICH LEANS SLIGHTLY TO THE RIGHT, CHINA'S ANSWER TO PISA. AND THEY PAUSED WHILE YOUNG CHINESE GIRLS PLAYED JUMPROPE WITH RUBBER BANDS. WHAT HAK KNEW BUT NEATLY CONCEALED IN SOOCHOW WAS THAT THE CHINESE WANTED THE PRESIDENT TO

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VISIT NEXT YEAR AND MR. FORD HAD AGREED. THE VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1975 AFTER SOVIET LEADER BREZHNEV'S VISIT NEXT JUNE. THE CHINA COMMUNIQUE RELEASED TONIGHT WAS EXTRAORDINARILY BRIEF BUT IT REVEALED THAT THE TWO SIDES COULD NOT REACH ANY BASIC AGREEMENT ON BILATERAL ISSUES BUT STILL WANTED TO UNDERSCORE THEIR STRATEGIC INTEREST IN USING THEIR RELATIONSHIP AS LEVERAGE AGAINST RUSSIA. THAT IS WHY CHINA WANTS THE PRESIDENT TO VISIT AND WHY THE PRESIDENT WANTS TO GO. HAK FLEW INTO TOKYO LATE TONIGHT TO BRIEF JAPANESE LEADERS ABOUT HIS FIVE DAYS IN CHINA.

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